

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 6 shows the DNA sequence of the *Agrobacterium rhizogenes rolC* gene (SEQ ID

NO:1).--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 12 shows the cDNA sequence of *fht* from carnation (SEQ ID NO:2).--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 13 shows the sequence of the antisense fragment to the *fht* cDNA (SEQ ID

NO:3).--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--DNA extraction, primers for *uidA*, and PCR conditions were as previously described

(Tzfira T, Jensen CS, Wangxia W, Zuker A, Altman A, Vainstein A: Transgenic Populus: a step-by-step protocol for its *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation. (1997) Plant Mol Biol Rep 15:219-235). The primers for *nptII* amplification were 5'-GAGGCTATTCGGCTATGACT-3' (SEQ ID NO:4) and 5'-AATCTCGTGATGGCAGGTTG-3' (SEQ ID NO:5). The predicted sizes of the amplified DNA fragments were 0.53 kb and 0.8 kb for *uidA* and *nptII*, respectively. Amplified DNA was electrophoresed on a 1.5% (w/v) agarose gel, using Tris-borate buffer (1.3 M Tris, 0.7 M boric acid and 24.5 mM EDTA, pH 8.4). Gels were stained with ethidium bromide, photographed under ultraviolet light, and analyzed by Southern blotting.--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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- Carnation cDNA clones of *chs* and *dfr* were isolated, as described above for FHT, by PCR using specific primers according to their sequences in GenBank: *chs* (Z67982), *dfr* (Z67983). Primers used were: 5' CCC AAA ACG CTC ACT TCA CT 3' (SEQ ID NO:6) and 5' CCA AGC CCA TCT AAG CAA GT 3' (SEQ ID NO:7) for *fht*; 5' GGG CCG ATG GTC CTG CTA CTA T 3' (SEQ ID NO:8) and 5' ACG CGC TCG ACA TGT TCC CAA A 3' (SEQ ID NO:9) for *chs*; 5' TGT GAA TGT CGA AGC GAC TC 3' (SEQ ID NO:10) and 5' TTG AAT TTG GTG GGG ACA TT 3' (SEQ ID NO:11) for *dfr*.--

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